

Amendment to the Claims

This listing of claims will replace all prior versions and listings of claims in the application:

Listing of Claims

Claims 1-18 (previously canceled)

Claim 19 (currently amended): A hair styling composition comprising:

- (a) from about 0.04% to less than about 1.5% active of a holding polymer
~~which comprises a monomer combination of vinyl caprolactam, methacrylamidopropyl dimethylamine and vinylpyrrolidone;~~
- (b) hydroxyethyl cellulose; and
- (c) a carrier selected from the group consisting of methanol, ethanol, N-propanol, isopropanol, and a mixture thereof;

wherein the ratio of (a) to (b) is about 1:2.2 to about 1:0.2, and the holding polymer comprises a polymer which comprises a monomer combination of vinyl caprolactam, methacrylamidopropyl dimethylamine and vinylpyrrolidone.

Claim 20 (currently amended): A hair styling polymer composition according to claim 19 wherein the ratio of (a) to (b) is about 1:0.4.

Claim 21 (currently amended): A hair styling polymer composition according to claim 19 wherein the ratio of (a) to (b) is about 1:0.7.

Claim 22 (currently amended): A hair styling polymer composition according to claim 19 wherein the ratio of (a) to (b) is about 1:1.

Claim 23 (currently amended): A hair styling polymer composition according to claim 19 wherein the ratio of (a) to (b) is about 1:1.3.

Claim 24 (currently amended): A hair styling polymer composition according to claim 19 wherein the ratio of (a) to (b) is about 1:1.6.

Claim 25 (currently amended): A hair styling polymer composition according to claim 19 wherein the ratio of (a) to (b) is about 1:1.9.

Claim 26 (previously canceled)

Claim 27 (currently amended): A hair styling composition comprising:

- (a) from about 0.04% to less than about 1.5% active of a holding polymer
~~which comprises a monomer combination of methacrylamidopropyl dimethylamine and vinylpyrrolidone;~~
- (b) a nonionic dextran; and
- (c) a carrier selected from the group consisting of methanol, ethanol, N-propanol, isopropanol, and a mixture thereof;

wherein the ratio of (a) to (b) is about 1:2.2 to about 1:0.2, and the holding polymer comprises a polymer which comprises a monomer combination of methacrylamidopropyl dimethylamine and vinylpyrrolidone.

Claim 28 (currently amended): A hair styling polymer composition according to claim 27, wherein the holding polymer further comprises vinyl caprolactam as a monomer a polymer which comprises a monomer combination of vinyl caprolactam, methacrylamidopropyl dimethylamine and vinyl pyrrolidone.

Claim 29 (new). A hair styling composition according to claim 19 wherein the holding polymer consists essentially of a polymer which comprises a monomer combination of vinyl caprolactam, methacrylamidopropyl dimethylamine and vinyl pyrrolidone.

Claim 30 (new). A hair styling composition according to claim 27 wherein the holding polymer consists essentially of a polymer which comprises a monomer combination of methacrylamidopropyl dimethylamine and vinyl pyrrolidone.